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tion.

A LITTLE NEARER EACH YEAR

Close Rivalry for Places On the Present Year Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MLACKSBURG, VA., October 14 .-Football at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute has had an uphill history. For ten years the teams have been battling for the supremacy of the State and of the South, and each year has seen them approach hearer and hearer the coveted goal. Thirteen years ago the college was one of almost unnoticeable signifi-

ity of the entire South.

Silles, for three years the unconquered center, is still in the game, and promises to surpass his former efforts by many points.

points.
Stickling, who made right guard last year, is again fighting for the position, and will no doubt play in every game.
Left guard is as yet an unsettled question. Cunningham, Walker, Varner and Diffendal are running close in the race, and each man seems to be about as good as the other.

House at right tackle is a sure winner.

as the other.

Hynes at right tackle is a sure winner.

Swift, aggressive and full of action, he is
probably the surest man in the line-up.

Willson, the big left tackle, was last
year's captain, and has already won
crough glory to need no further mention.

Weighing two hundred pounds stripped,
he has no trouble in making one hundred
yards in eleven seconds, and his staying
powers are phenomenal.

Contain Lawis, at right end, is six feet.

Capiain Lewis, at right end, is six feet two inches talk, and weighs 100 pounds; runs one hundred yards in ten and nine-tenth seconds, and is, considered the florest defensive player on the team. His breaking up of plays has always been a marvel of skill and agilty.



cance, and from seclusion, almost oblivion, it has become the greatest educational factor for Virginians in the State of Virginia, and with last session's record to back up the statement, more natives of Virginia matriculated in fier classes than in the classes of the two next largest institutions of the State. It can be no matter of wonder, then, that V. P. I. has striven to overcome a leadership in athletics, which has already been consequent in gradenic and collegiate at the state of the wonderful ability to handle himself has made his name a watchword in foot-ball circles. He weighs 190 pounds stripped, and can run one hundred yards in ten State of Virginia, and with last session's record to back up the statement, more natives of Virginia matriculated in her classes than in the classes of the two next largest institutions of the State. It can be no matter of wonder, then, that V. P. I. has striven to overcome a leadership in athletics, which has already been overcome in academic and collegiate attendance.

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For several years the 'Varsity team has defeated teams no other Southern teams could defeat; but by some missioner has gone down before other teams whose records were not so good as her own. Fate has wrang fro mher hands yletories well won by her, and scores have told tales of defeat which were really monuments of success. In the latter nineties the names of Ingalis and Johnson and Hart and James were terrors in the football world, but for the lack of general support and on account of the hability to secure sufficient men from among the student body

account of the hability to secure sufficient men from among the student body to make up a fully equalized team, all that was gained was recognition among the colleges of the State. The early noughts, however, saw a large increase in the student body and embryonic players came in by the dozens. These men had to be developed, of course, for no one knew their latent powers and seme of them had never seen a football before. The much sought after home of being a first team man, no doubt, drew out several men who are now acknowledged masters 20 the footabil art. It out several men who are now acknowledged masters got the footabil art. It took hard eagued rietbries against the University of North Carolina, Georgetown University, and the Naval Academy to convince the men they had football prowess and skill, and now that confidence has been won nothing in the football circles seems to daunt the course of the men. On Saturday, the teams age of the men. On Saturday the team meets the glants of West Point in the first contest ever waged by the army team against a Southern college, and the representatives of the institute are looking forward with confidence to a close game. With the defeat of Roanoke College by \$6 to 0 and of Cumberland University by 12 to 0, the team has already shown its aibility to pile score against an ordinary foe and to win from metal more worthy of her steel. West Point has a formidable reputation, but nothing daunted, the 'cehs will attack the army with sufficient force to awaken it to a realization that the people of the South are not all dull, and its young men all tagsards. first contest over waged by the army

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The squad work has been all that could be expected under the unfavorallic opening conditions. The delay of the coach in arriving on the scene of action has resulted in the team's lacking the finishing touches which make a set of strong men invincible, but everybody is hopeful of a good season, and the local sup-



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IN NORTHWEST

Dr. Ami's Theory of Buried Wealth in Rainy River District Seems Well Founded.

RARE GEMS ON SKELETON

Prospectors Greatly Surprised to Find Them -- Valuable Stones for Trifles.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)

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FORT FRANCIS, ONT., October 14.—
Old mining men and prospectors in this region did not need to be told by Dr. Ami, of the Geological Survey, that great diamond wealth undoubtedly lies hidden in that part of Canada between the great lakes, and Hudson, Bay. In the Rainy River District, and in the nuriferous valley of the Seine many, "sparklers" have been obtained from Indians and French-Canadian voyagers, who had picked them up in their wanderings without any idea of their character and value.

At the hamlet of Mine Centre, in the Scine River country, George R. Douglass is the resident agent and assayist for the Rethschild interests, who are buying large tracts of land in the district that give evidence of gold-bearing quartz. Mr. Douglass was long a resident of South Africa. He says the geological conformation of the Rainy-Lake and Scine territories is almost identical, with that of the Kimberly District, which has given to the world the famous diamond mines. Forty miles from the mouth of the Big Fork River, which empties into the Rainy from Northern Minnesota, are many ancient mounds whose origin extends beyond the traditions of the Ojibways. Until recently these mounds had been inviolate, for they are in a wild region but little visited by white men, and accessible only by canoe. One summer, however, a party of scientists from the University of Toronto came out to explore them. From one of the mounds on which a sturdy onk was growing, a large human skeleton, perfectly preserved, was exhumed. It was not that of an Indian, and in the cavity whence it was taken were evidences of prehistoric civilization, in the form of many articles of pottery, some stamped with unique and beautiful designs.

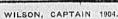
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Around the skeleton's neck was a massive band of pure copper, and on its bosom rested a curiously wrought necklace of the same metal, into which were interwoven shells and colored, stones. What arrested the attention of the exploring party, however, was a stone which gleamed from the center of a pendant to the necklace. At first it was judged to be nothing more than a clear piece of quarts, but closer examination and testing proved that it was a diamond. Although half a dozen mounds were opened up before the party left the region, and copper ornaments and pottery were found with skeletons in all of them, no more diamonds were unearthed.

On going out a band of Ojibways was met, to whom the articles found in the mounds were shown, in the hope of ob-Diamond On a Skeleton.







LEWIS, CAPTAIN 1905.

and three-fifths seconds. His punting is taining traditions concerning their oriand three-fifths seconds. His punting is hard and accurate, always netting large results in the gaining of ground.

Harlan is holding down his last year's place at full back, in spite of the appearance of Hanvey, formerly star player of Clemsen College, South Carolina, and the All-Southern full back for 1965.

Among other men on the squads are Harris, Miles, Johnson, Branch, Squires, Shuey, Fuerstein, Grant, Cahill, Sanford, Connor, Bauman, Osterloh and Rogers.

HEWLETTS ON A BOOM. Apple Trees in Bloom With Ripe

Fruit Unharvested. (Special to The Times Dispatch.)
HEWLETTS. HANOVER CO., VA.,
Oct. 14.—Hewletts is on a decided boom.
The Chesapeake and Oho Railroad Company is putting up a fine new freight depot, reception room and telegraph office
combined.

oot, reception room and tengraph combined.

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There have been several light frosts, but no damage has been done.

Mrs. Namie Harrison, who has been summering in Hanover, has returned to her home in Maryland, much improved in health.

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Prior to sailing for Europe, Dr. Thomas Nelson Page has been on a visit to his mother. He is also looking over the extensive improvements he is putting on his farm. Dr. Page is one of the most public-spirited men in this community, and he is always first to aid in both public and insignate enterprises. ls always first to and in own parameters provide enterprises.
Captain R. M. Berkeley has moved his family to Richmond for the winter.
Owing to the warm fall and wet summer many apples trees have bloomed the second time, and the fruit has set, and you see the ripe apples on the same branch with the little green ones.

taining traditions concerning their origin. As to the copper, the Indians were ignorant, but they grunted disdaintfully when shown the pottery and the diamond. Specimens of the former, they said, could be obtained in idmost any quantity fro the remains of an appent pottery works that once existed on the banks of the Big Fork, hear the Big Falls, a few miles up the stream, while in the same region glittering stones of the sort the palefaces seemed to regard so highly had frequently been found. Fortune Without Knowing It.

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Startled by the information, the Toronto party rushed on to the Big Falls, which marked in old days the dispated boundary between the Hudson's Bay Company and John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. There they found an old hermit squatter, Dan Campbell, He took them to the ancient pottery field opposite his cabin and, what was more, brought from a bouch which he carried three stones of a purity and brillancy that greatly exceeded that of the one found by his visitors. These stones he had found in the course of his thirty years' living by the Big Fork, while scratching the surface of the pottery field with his hunting knife.

Old Dan had no idea that his finds were anything more than quartz, despite the care with which he had preserved them. So skentical was he of his visitor's assertions that the stones were diamonds that he entrusted them to their care to be apocaised in Toronto and their value sent to him. Nor was the party mistinken in its judgment. The four stones were pronounced to be real gens of an aggregate weight of twelve carats and worth \$2.500.

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ther (at dinner)—Yes, Dorothy, this big shanghal hen.

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Mr. Douglass was sitting in the trading post at Mine Centre one afternoon when a young buck and his squaw entered to exchange pells for provisions. They had come by cance fifty miles down the Seine Valley, Strapped to a birch bark frame the mother carried a nan-

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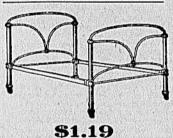
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poose on her back. This shee took off and leaned the munmified youngster against the counter while she joined in her husband's dickerings with the store keeper. Good Trade.

Made a Good Trade.

Mr. Douglass noticed that the young redskin held something dirmly in his hand, which every now and then, after gazing upon, he attempted to put into his mouth, but was prevented by the vigilant mother. Curious to see what kind of a toy the Indian baby had, Mr. Douglass pried open his little brown fist, and there lay scintillating a diamond us large as a hazel nut. There was no mistake about it. In astonishment he inquired of the squaw where she found tho gem.

quired of the squaw where she found the gem.

"Oh, it?" she replied contemptuously, in her guttural tongue, "my man picked it up when he was getting the poles for our tepec up the river."

Douglass pulled out a 29 hill and offered it to the squaw for the stone, Butpaper money has little significance for the Ojibway in the wilds of Canada. A gleam of avariee shot into the squaw's eye and tightened the corners of her mouth as she saw how anxious the white man was to get her baby's plaything. She shook her head and grunted a decided negation.

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"Give me all the chicken feed you've got," she said to the trader.

The storekeeper emptled a sack on the counter, containing about \$10 in small change. The squaw's eyes and those of the buck glittered.

"Here," said Douglass, as he shoved the colus towards them, "give me the stones."

In a trice the mother spatched the gen-

In a trice the mother snatched the gen from the papoose and tossed it over to Douglass. The diamond was taken to Toronto and appraised, valued at nearly \$1,000.

Fine Stone for Drinks.

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To Rainy Lake town drifted Jim Ropes, a prospector for the yellow metal, after spending the money he had obtained by the sale of a gold mine discovered by him to Michigan, and also known by his name. Ropes's days of activity were nearly over, and about the best he could do was to pass judgment on samples of quartz brought to him by less experienced prospectors.

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One day a thirsty French-Canadian squaw man named La Febra came to the camp from the Selne district. On his gaudy brars watch chain hung a sparkling stone, which he had made into a charm by twisting some wire about it. He ran into Ropes in the har-room of the hotel of the camp, and with ugly demeaner.

The old prospector's eyes had caught sight of the stone daughing from the squaw man's chain, and another glance squaw man's c

was sufficient.

"That's a pretty piece of quartz you've got there, remarked Ropes quietly. "If you'll give it to me I'll buy you all the trinks you want."

The man glowered at the prospector for an instant, undecided whether he was being guyed, but Ropes's countenance was serious. La Febre tore the stone from its setting and snapped it over to his companion with a loud guffaw.

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"By gar, I guess youse want it worse dan I do," he remarked. "Now let's get those drinks pretty dam quick."

In two hours La Febre was snoring in drunken stuper on the floor of the shack, while old Ropes, with his purchase, was paddling to Fort Francis, thence to make his way back, the worse for wear and poor whiskey, but carrying in his pocket a part of the \$1,500 for which he had sold the diamond that had cost him a bar bill of eighty-live cents.

INDUSTRIES OF NORTHERN NECK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,) HEATHESVILLE, VA., October 14,-The tomato season has about drawn to a The tomato season has about drawn to a close and the factories have pretty well all shut down. Of all the crops the tomators precarious. The difficulty is in raising the plants for the early market, of course, these are raised under glass. They require a great deal of attention, for if the bed gets too cold the plants will die, and on the other hand, if the sun shines on the glass any length of time, they will scortch, which will prove equally as fatal.

Twen after the plant is raised, if there is too much rain, the tomatoes will not be good. For years the raising of tomatoes has been one of the chief industries of the Northern Neck, but for the past few years the crops have been almost a complete failure.

The fishing season is also drawing to a close. While the fish were not quite as plentiful as they were lust season, still there was a pretty good run, and, but for the labor question, the factories would have done failiry well.

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